

### **Mayor's Monthly Message: September 2021**

This month, we will start with a recognition of Ms. Ramirez. She started her career with the Town of Florence in the Finance Department as an Account Clerk in August 1996, just two years after graduating from Florence High School. In 1998, Ms. Ramirez was awarded the Town Manager's Employee of the Year Award; she also won the Town of Florence Supervisor Essay Contest. In September 1999, Ms. Ramirez was promoted to Recreation Supervisor and worked in the Parks Department until 2001 when she transferred back to the Finance Department as an Account Clerk. At that time, she completed her supervisor training with the Pinal County Supervisory Training Program. During this time in her career, she worked as an Account Clerk with the Water/Wastewater Department. In 2007, Ms. Ramirez took on responsibilities as a Utility Services Representative and, in 2013, was promoted to Utility Billing Supervisor, which is still her current role. Over this past year, Ms. Ramirez assisted in the following: 2020 Census, promoted the Town with PENS Program/Pinal County, assisted in the kick-off of the AMI – 2020 Meter Project, and work alongside the Information Technology Department, Public Works Department, and co- Subject: Stacy Ramirez 25 Years of Service Award Meeting Date: September 7, 2021 Page 2 of 2 workers within the Finance department to a successful completion of the project, worked on the Fillable Form Project for UM on the website and assisted other Departments with inserts into UM invoicing which resulted in a money savings opportunity for the Town. We wish to thank Ms. Stacy Ramirez for all her hard work and dedication to the Florence Team and the citizens of Florence that she serves.

In addition, Rebecca Jimenez and the Florence Finance Department for receiving the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting. On August 24, 2021, the Town received notification that the comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 qualified for the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA's) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

On September 13, 2021, we will hold a work session to discuss the Charles Whitlow Rodeo Grounds. Council gave prior direction to staff to hold four events a year at the Charles Whitlow Rodeo Grounds (Rodeo Grounds) while working to improve the site. On September 7, 2021, Council approved a Services Agreement with Bill Foster for the Junior Parada. As staff proceeds with this event, council will provide direction as to the future of the Rodeo Grounds and arena. It is imperative that the Town makes decisions that will enable staff to develop a plan moving forward. Staff is requesting direction on the following areas: 1. Site location 2. Site Water 3. Life Safety Issues/Code Enforcement 4. Partnership/RFI Subject: Work Session on the Charles Whitlow Rodeo Grounds 5. Future Capital Improvements 6. Outreach/Plan Amendments.

In addition to this monthly message, you can find all town council meeting agendas and minutes at: <http://www.florenceaz.gov/town-council/> and our regularly scheduled meetings are the first and third Mondays, at 6 pm, at Town Hall in Florence, AZ. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out at [Mayor@florenceaz.gov](mailto:Mayor@florenceaz.gov).

Sincerely,

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Mayor of Florence, AZ